



Oostburg Christian Sci

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Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator

“He is like a tree, planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season...”
Psalm 1:3

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HOME BULLETIN

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PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God that Natalie Harlin, grade seven, is back in school after a bout with pneumonia. We are also thankful that Joe Meyer, grade six, is safely home after traveling to Spain during spring break. Praise God for always watching over us, whether we are at home or in foreign lands.

Please pray for Anna Ribich, daughter of our resource room teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Ribich. Anna is currently serving God as a missionary nurse in Nepal. Anna requests that we pray for her health and for a powerful peace from God as she seeks to be used by Him in a very foreign culture.

Pray, too, for Mr. Mike DuMez, husband of our fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Jean DuMez. Mr. DuMez is having some testing and procedures done in the hospital.

TALKING POINTS

The purpose of *Talking Points* is to show how Oostburg Christian is a unique, Christ-centered educational institution where teaching is not limited to the “Three R’s” but also is filled with *education of the heart*. In looking at the goals of the language arts curriculum at OCS, the following first three points are a perfect example of how our education goes beyond nouns, verbs, and sentence structure. We study the English language at OCS so our children learn:

1. To appreciate their "native tongue" and the ability to handle it well in keeping with Scriptural directives.
2. To recognize that speech is an expression of ourselves, which can be used for good and evil.
3. To understand that good communication glorifies God; and that through good communication we express ourselves more completely as God's image bearers.

PRIVATE NOTES

The Oostburg Christian School Board is seeking private notes to help finance the ongoing operations of the school as well as to repay a previously issued note that has been called in for payment. These notes will bear interest and terms as set forth in the schedule below. We are requesting a minimum note value of \$1,000. Please contact Justin Zylstra at 207-9990 or Brian DeMaster at 564-6963 for more information.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Minimum Deposit</u>	<u>OCS RATE</u>
36 month	\$1,000.00	2.50%
48 month	\$2,500.00	3.00%
60 month	\$5,000.00	4.00%
10 Year	\$10,000.00	5.00%

2010 – 2011 CALENDAR

Coming home today with the Blue Note is our school calendar for next year. Some specific dates for events have not yet been decided. The big difference in 2010 - 2011 is when we have Spring Break. The last number of years we matched the Oostburg School District during Spring Break. Next year Oostburg’s break differs from Cedar Grove and Sheboygan, two school districts that affect a number of our families. In order to be fair, OCS will have the same Spring Break as Cedar Grove, Christian High, Sheboygan Falls, and Sheboygan. The following year we will again line up with the Oostburg School District. We understand that no matter which way we plan our calendar some families will be disappointed. We also understand that some families may go on spring vacation when OCS is in school. This will be recognized as an excused absence. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope that in the future our neighboring school district’s calendars line up. Thank you for understanding!

The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian quality education which will equip God’s children to function as Christians in society, church, and home.

TEACHER CONTRACTS

All full and part-time teachers received contracts for the 2010 – 2011 school year on Monday, April 5. Please be in prayer for our teachers as they seek God's will for their lives. Join me in praising God for all our teachers.

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Tomorrow, April 15, is the final Cabin Fever Reliever of this school year. If your child likes to run freely in a large gymnasium, join us from 8:30 – 10:00 AM. Anyone is welcome and it's FREE!! Please call the school office at 564-2664 if you have questions.

MUSIC FESTIVAL NOTES

All of our Jr. High students will be performing in our OCS Mini Music Festival tomorrow evening, April 15, beginning at 6:30. Each student will perform in a solo or ensemble, and our choir and band will also perform. This is a bit of a dress rehearsal for our large Wisconsin Christian Schools Music Festival that will take place on Friday, April 23, at Brookfield Christian School. A schedule for tomorrow evening is attached to this Home Bulletin, and a schedule for next week Friday will go home next week. The public is invited to both events. Please come and enjoy God's gift of music!

EARLY DISMISSAL

Next Wednesday, April 21, is our monthly early release day. School will dismiss at 1:20 PM. Buses will run at that time.

"GO, GO JONAH"

If you would like to purchase a DVD or VHS of "Go, Go Jonah", please call Mrs. DeMaster @ 918-5401 or e-mail mrsd@wi.rr.com (please note correction of e-mail address) with your request. The cost is \$5 for either a DVD or VHS.

RESOURCE ROOM POPCORN SALE

Next Thursday, April 22, 2010, the Resource Room will be popping popcorn for all students who order!! The Resource Room students will be collecting orders from now until Wednesday, April 21. Each bag will cost \$.50. You may order as many bags as you wish. Please send your order form and money to your classroom teacher. A portion of the funds collected will go towards our Tesoros de Dios project and the remainder will be used for needed supplies in the Resource Room.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER FOR EIGHTH GRADE

It's the last Class of 2010 fundraiser!! Eighth grade students need everyone's help. They need you to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to come to the Pizza Ranch on Monday, April 26. The class makes money from tips and from total profits for the evening. They will have a successful evening only if you come, and encourage others to come also. Tell everyone to join the 8th graders for a great buffet at the "Ranch"!

NEW THREE-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT O.C.S.

Beginning in September, 2010, Oostburg Christian will offer a Three-School program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 for children who will turn three by September 1, 2010. We must have a minimum of eight children registered by June 1 to make this program possible. Three-School will be a play-based time of learning for the children that focuses on social development. Please call the school office if you are interested in this program. We will get you a registration form and our new, Early Childhood booklet as soon as they are available.

EXTENDED AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Oostburg Christian School would like to extend the hours of our after-school care for the 2010 – 2011 school year. We are currently considering offering after-school care from the time of school dismissal to 5:30 PM. This would include children in our Early Childhood program through fourth grade. If you are interested in this, please call the school office or email the school and let us know. More details will follow.

4K REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 4K program here at O.C.S. Stop in for a registration packet and reserve your spot today! No pre-registration fee is required for 4K.

NEW FAMILY REFERRAL

If a family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least a semester, you will have a \$750 tuition assistance package coming your way! Besides the card you received several weeks ago, you can also pick up any number of brochures about our school to distribute to family and friends. There are several different ones that may meet your need specifically:

- Resource Room opportunities
- Part-time/Home School student information
- Two different general school information brochures

- Early Childhood Brochures
- Free 4-K package brochure
- Just hot off the press: Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

“No child in the area should be denied the opportunity of a Christian education because his or her family cannot afford tuition.”

It is this Board held belief that has led Oostburg Christian School to establish a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP Fund). With the current economy still in a serious slump, we believe there will be more families in need of assistance. Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school’s tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2010-2011. This “outside” service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by May 15, 2010. Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP Fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2010-2011.

AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Auction committee is looking for enthusiastic people to serve on our planning committee. If you would like to be a part of this great group, please contact Joyce Eggebeen @ 564-2678 or jeggebeen@wi.rr.com to find out what jobs need to be filled.

The GRACE Place

GRACE BOARD MEMBERS

Our GRACE Board oversees raising \$78,000, which keeps tuition down for all families. This amounts to **over \$1,000** per family! We need YOU to serve on this Board in making these projects a reality. Without this important fund-raising arm of the school, many families would find tuition unaffordable. When you are contacted for this, please consider using your gifts and talents in serving the Lord as a member of the GRACE Board.

SCRIP

Are you helping with your church’s VBS program this summer? Please remember that you **CANNOT** use Sonlight Scrip in purchasing VBS materials—it should be for personal use only.

Don’t forget that you can pre-order your Scrip whether it is in our Scrip Store or not. Just send an e-mail to ocscrip@gmail.com and our Scrip team will let you know when you can pick it up.

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON-May 21, 2010

What an exciting kick off last week! The students were introduced to our mascot this year – the adorable Dalmatian, to the song: “Who let the dogs out?” Families are already taking advantage of this nice weather and getting out and collecting. The class that is ahead by the end of April will get a visit from the Dalmatian and a pizza hot lunch! Blue Harbor is the grand prize for the winning class!!

UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010

We’re getting hits on the website, registrations are coming in, and sponsors are lining up!! If you or someone you know likes to bike, register before May 6—and save \$5.00 off your registration. It’s not that far away!

SPRING FRY—MAY 22, 2010

Hamburgers and brats taste so good—we look forward to serving you a picnic menu from 11:30-3:00. Bring your friends for food, and you kids can jump in the Jumping Jupiter!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Oostburg First CRC Thailand Youth Group Team is ready for your donations NOW! If you have items you would like to donate, please call Pastor Ben, Chantelle Bolkema (564-3011) or the church office (564-2725) to make arrangements for drop-off or pick-up of items. We appreciate all that is being done to help us meet our fundraising goal! The rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 AM to Noon at the Oostburg Christian School gym. Please have all donations in by Saturday, April 17.

EAGLE SUMMER CAMP

Expect an unexpected week of fun and learning at Eagles Summer Camp from July 26-30, 2010! Join us at Sheboygan County Christian High for a week of zany science discovery, or techno techniques, or outrageous art, or fabulous food creation, or music with a twist or a super selection of sports. This crazy summer camp is for students who are entering 3rd through 8th grades.

All instructors are staff members and/or coaches at Sheboygan County Christian High. Students may sign up for a full day [two choices] or a half day option [one choice] either morning or afternoon. Lunch and snacks are included.

Flyers are available in your school office or by contacting the Christian High office. Call Rhonda Anderson 458-9981 ext. 306 (evenings at home: 920-893-1993) for more information. Don't wait to sign up for a thrilling week at camp – class sizes are limited!

ATTENTIONS ALL MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. We have FREE childcare available for moms with little ones. Please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 with your questions or to arrange for childcare. *Lamentations 2:19b "... Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street".*

PARTY CAKES

THE 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM is selling party cakes for any occasion. Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to order the cake of your choosing for \$20.00. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of Dave and Jan Veldhorst.

FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE O.C.S. OFFICE

*Sheboygan Early Childhood Council "April - Month of the Young Child" Calendar of Activities.

*Camp Calvin Registration/Information Brochures – Camp is June 21-26

CALENDAR

April 15	O.C.S. Mini Music Festival
April 17	Night of Praise
April 19-23	Tornado Awareness Week
April 21	Snack Wrap Lunch 1:20 PM Dismissal
April 23	Music Fest. @ Brookfield

